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1. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON THE MAY 14 DISCUSSION
BY MISSION OFFICERS WITH HIJZEN, THE EC COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS,
REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE LIST OF SUPPLEMENTARY
OFFERS IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS
AND RELATED MATTERS. (THE LIST ITSELF IS BEING
TRANSMITTED BY IMMEDIATE SEPTEL.)

2. PROPOSED SCENARIO. HIJZEN INFORMED US THAT
SOAMES WANTS VERY MUCH TO SETTLE THIS NEGOTIATION
BEFORE THE FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF MAY 19
FEARING THAT OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE RISK OF
ADDITIONAL DELAY FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER
THE MATTER. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS DEADLINE HIJZEN
SAID HE NEEDED BY 4:00 P.M. BRUSSELS TIME, MAY 14,
(11:00 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME) AN ASSURANCE BY THE
US THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. HIJZEN STATED
THAT HE HAD FOREWARNED THE GERMANS, WHO CURRENTLY
PRESIDE OVER THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES,
THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE CALLED ON TO ACT ON MAY 16.
ASIDE FROM THIS SIGNAL TO THE FRG PERMREP, THE COMMISSION
WAS NOT PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER UNTIL THE US RESPONSE
IS RECEIVED. IT IT IS RECEIVED, HE WILLL THEN FIRST
CALL THE ITALIANS, WHO HAVE NOT YET GIVEN THE
GREEN LIGHT ON TOBACCO, TO TELL THEM THAT THE COMMISSION
COULD NOT WAIT ANY LONGER FOR THEM. HE WOULD THEREAFTER,
THE EVENING OF MAY 14, CALL IN THE COMMERCIAL COUNSELORS OF
THE NINE PERMDELS TO PRESENT THE PROPOSAL TO THEM. THIS
WOULD GIVE MEMBER STATES WEDNESDAY TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS
FOR THE COREPER MEETING OF THURSDAY. HIJZEN SAID HE EXPECTED
THE MEETING WOULD BEGIN IN A RESTRICTED SESSION WITH
ONLY AMBASSADORS PRESENT THURSDAY MORNING.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFER. THE OFFER WOULD COME
INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1975, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT
THE DUTY ON ORANGES WOULD BE SUSPENDED AUTONOMOUSLY BY THE EC TO
FOUR PERCENT ON JUNE 1, 1974, WITH THAT RATE REMAINING IN EFFECT
THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 1974.

4. ASSURANCE ON PULP. HIJZEN SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY
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NEEDED A CLEAR COMMITMENT ON PULP AVAILABILITY AND
WOULD HAVE TO INSIST THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONCESSION ON KRAFT BE SUBORDINATED TO NON-APPLICATION OF
US EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IN ANY FORM ON PULP.
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